

(19) World Intellectual Property Organization  
International Bureau



(43) International Publication Date  
16 August 2007 (16.08.2007)

PCT

(10) International Publication Number  
**WO 2007/092608 A3**

(51) International Patent Classification:  
A63F 9/00 (2006.01)

(21) International Application Number:  
PCT/US2007/003536

(22) International Filing Date: 9 February 2007 (09.02.2007)

(25) Filing Language: English

(26) Publication Language: English

(30) Priority Data:  
60/743,259 9 February 2006 (09.02.2006) US  
60/743,902 29 March 2006 (29.03.2006) US

(71) Applicant (for all designated States except US): WMS  
GAMING INC. [US/US]; 800 South Northpoint Blvd.,  
Waukegan, IL 60085 (US).

(72) Inventor; and

(75) Inventor/Applicant (for US only): BUCHHOLZ, Dale  
R. [US/US]; 1028 E. Grissom Dr., Palatine, IL 60074 (US).

(74) Agents: STEFFEY, Charles E. et al.; Schwegman, Lund-  
berg & Woessner, P.A., P.O. Box 2938, Minneapolis, MN  
55402 (US).

(81) Designated States (unless otherwise indicated, for every  
kind of national protection available): AE, AG, AL, AM,  
AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BW, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN,  
CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, DZ, EC, EE, EG, ES, FI,  
GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, GT, HN, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS,  
JP, KE, KG, KM, KN, KP, KR, KZ, LA, LC, LK, LR, LS,  
LT, LU, LV, LY, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MY,  
MZ, NA, NG, NI, NO, NZ, OM, PG, PH, PL, PT, RO, RS,  
RU, SC, SD, SE, SG, SK, SL, SM, SV, SY, TJ, TM, TN,  
TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VC, VN, ZA, ZM, ZW.

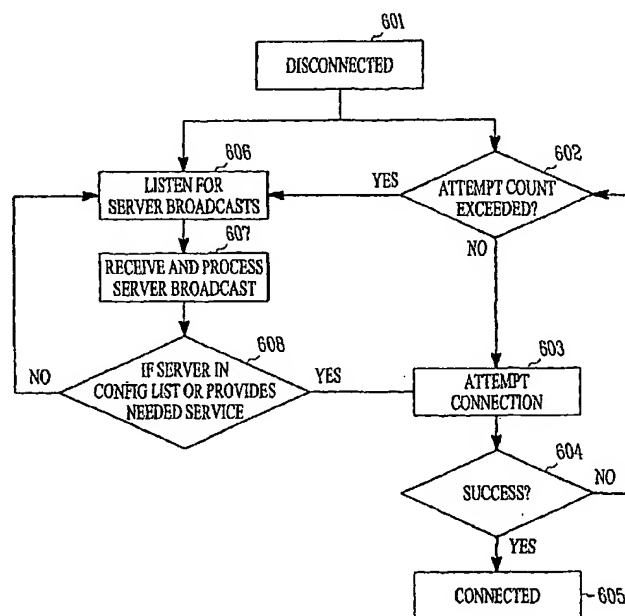
(84) Designated States (unless otherwise indicated, for every  
kind of regional protection available): ARIPO (BW, GH,  
GM, KE, LS, MW, MZ, NA, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZM,  
ZW), Eurasian (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM),  
European (AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI,  
FR, GB, GR, HU, IE, IS, IT, LT, LU, LV, MC, NL, PL, PT,  
RO, SE, SI, SK, TR), OAPI (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA,  
GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG).

Published:

- with international search report
- before the expiration of the time limit for amending the  
claims and to be republished in the event of receipt of  
amendments

[Continued on next page]

(54) Title: WAGERING GAME SERVER AVAILABILITY BROADCAST MESSAGE SYSTEM



(57) Abstract: A computerized wagering game system includes a gaming module operable to conduct a wagering game on which monetary value can be wagered, and a network module operable to detect a wagering game network server availability broadcast signal. The network module connects to the wagering game network server identified in the availability broadcast signal, and authenticates the identity of the wagering game network server.



(88) Date of publication of the international search report:  
10 January 2008

*For two-letter codes and other abbreviations, refer to the "Guidance Notes on Codes and Abbreviations" appearing at the beginning of each regular issue of the PCT Gazette.*

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.  
PCT/US 07/03536

<b>A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER</b> IPC(8) - A63F 9/00 (2007.01) USPC - 463/25, 42 According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC		
<b>B. FIELDS SEARCHED</b> Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) IPC(8) - A63F 9/00 (2007.01) USPC - 463/25, 42 Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched USPC - 463/25, 40, 41, 42 - see search terms below Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used) PubWest(PCPB,USPT,USOC,EPAB,JPAB) gaming module, network module, broadcast, message, authentication, signature, server, detect, wagering game, certificate		
<b>C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT</b>		
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 2005/0192099 A1 (NGUYEN et al.) 01 September 2005 (01.09.2005) Abstract, Fig. 1, Fig. 3, paras [0010], [0017]-[0018], [0020]-[0021], [0031], [0058]-[0059], [0061], [0087], [0210]	1-20
Y	US 2005/0283522 A1 (Parkkinen et al.) 22 December 2005 (22.12.2005) abstract; para [0321], [0322]	1-20
<input type="checkbox"/> Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.		
* Special categories of cited documents: "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance "E" earlier application or patent but published on or after the international filing date "L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified) "O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means "P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed "T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention "X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone "Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art "&" document member of the same patent family		
Date of the actual completion of the international search 27 September 2007 (27.09.2007)		Date of mailing of the international search report 19 NOV 2007
Name and mailing address of the ISA/US Mail Stop PCT, Attn: ISA/US, Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 Facsimile No. 571-273-3201		Authorized officer: Lee W. Young PCT Helpdesk: 571-272-4300 PCT OSP: 571-272-7774